(ii) Reducing Government levies like customs duty on imported raw materials/components reduction in excise duty etc.

(iii) A high power TV coordination committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Electronics is functioning with representation from Indian TV Manufacturers Association (ITMA), to review and monitor the production of TV sets.

(iv) Electronics Trade & Technology Development Corporation (ET&T), a public sector undertaking under the Department of Electronics under their 'Material Technology Brand Name' (MTB) programme is providing help to Industry to produce quality products at reasonable cost by supplying material procured by them in bulk along with necessary technology.

(c) Information will be collected and furnished.

Preservation of Wild Life in Orissa

585. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what steps are being taken by the Central Government for the prevention of forest destruction and preservation of wild life in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): The following steps are being taken by the Central Government for the Prevention of forest destruction and preservation of wild-life in Orissa :

(1) The forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been enacted to check indiscriminate diversion of forest lands to non-forest uses.

(2) Guidelines have been issued for the preparation of working (Management) Plans for the proper management of forests and national parks and sanctuaries.

(3) The State Government have been advised to strengthen the protection enforcement machinery at the field level.

(4) A massive programme of afforestation is proposed to be undertaken.

(5) The contractor system of working of forests has been eliminated on the initiative of the Central Government.

(6) Assistance is being provided for the management and development of the Simlipal Tiger Reserve and National Park. During the VI Plan period an amount of Rs. 42 lakhs was provided to the State Government and during the VII Plan about Rs. 50 lakhs is proposed to be released for this purpose.

(7) Central financial assistance is also being provided for the breeding of crocodiles at Satkosia, Bhitarkanika, Simlipal and Nandankanan and for the sea turtle management project at Bhitarkanika and Balukhanda. Assistance is also being provided for the development of the Nandankanan Zoological Park and for the Chandaka Elephant Sanctuary.

(8) Assistance is being provided to the State Government through the Coast Guards Organisation for the protection of Sea turtles during their breeding and nesting season along the coast of Orissa.

(9) Financial assistance has been provided to the Orissa State Government for the setting up of permanent exhibition of wild-life for creating public awareness and eliciting their support for wild-life conservation.

Election Commission's Recommendation for Detection of Foreigners in West Bengal and Bihar

586. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER: Will the Minister

of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Election Commission has recommended to Government for forming tribunals in West Bengal and Bihar, for detecting foreigners as in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for such recommendation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) to (c) The Election Commission has not made any proposal of this nature recently.

Modern Equipment for BSF and other Forces posted on Borders

587. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether to curb infiltration and smuggling in the border areas of Rajasthan, the BSF, the Central Intelligence agencies and the police posted on the border are proposed to be provided with modern equipment;

(b) whether such type of equipment to BSF and Central agencies in other States will also be provided;

(c) to what extent these new modern equipment are expected to be effective in checking the infiltration and smuggling on the borders ; and

(d) what are the other steps Government propose to take to deal the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) Some night vision devices and hand held search lights have been provided to BSF units deployed on Rajasthan border on trial basis for detecting infiltrators and smugglers from a distance in the night. Apart from this, high-power binaculars will also be provided for user's trial on Rajasthan border. The above equipments will be issued in phases to all BSF units on Pakistan border if the trials prove successful.

(c) It is too early to say as to what extent the new modern equipment will stop infiltration and smuggling on the border though benefit is logically expected.

(d) Constant vigil is maintained by the BSF. Joint ambushes, raids and patrols with local police and other preventive agencies are organized by BSF. Additional coys have been deployed by BSF on Rajasthan border. Observation towers have been erected to watch movement of infiltrators. Border Wing Home Guards have been deployed in border out-posts with a view to augment strengthening of BSF on the borders.

Acceptance of Indian proposals at the CHOGM

588. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether almost all the 46 nations attended the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meet in October, 1985;

(b) if so, what were the main topics of subjects discussed in the conference;

(c) what is the number of proposals from the Prime Minister of India which were accepted ; and

(d) whether one of the suggestions for setting up a panel on terrorism was also agreed upon ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Yes,